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SUBJECT: CROATIAN PM ON DEFENSIVE OVER TAKEOVER BID FOR  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

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Classified By: Ambassador Robert A. Bradtke for reasons 1.4 b and d.

1. (C) Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader called Ambassador on September 4 to express his concern over an article on the Croatian on-line new
2. (C) Pliva Pharmaceuticals, one of Croatia's largest and most successful companies (in which the GOC still retains an 18 percent share), is
3. (C) Comment: Although we have no indication of impropriety thus far over the sale of Pliva, a transaction of this magnitude is a first of i
4. (U) Embassy response to index.hr article: Regarding a September 3 article by Index.hr about the ongoing negotiations over acquisition of Pl